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SUBJ: LOS: SCI WG MEETING OF JULY 12, 1973

1. INFORMAL GROUP OF WG MET TO DISCUSS PROCEDURAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED AT PREVIOUS SESSION. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION, GROUP AGREED TO NEW PROCEDURE WHEREBY IT WOULD DEAL WITH ITEMS ON POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF ASSEMBLY IN SERIAL ORDER. WHERE THERE WAS DISAGREEMENT ABOUT TEXT, THOSE OPPOSING WOULD MAKE BRIEF STATEMENT BUT GENERAL DISCUSSION OR DEBATE WOULD BE AVOIDED. THOSE WHO DISAGREED WITH FORMULATION WOULD BE ASKED TO PREPARE AMENDMENTS OR ALTERNATIVE TEXTS WHICH WOULD BE CIRCULATED TO MEMBERS OF WG AND CONSIDERED IN INFORMAL DRAFTING GROUP MEETINGS. GROUPS WITH SIMILAR VIEWS ON ISSUES COULD WORK TOGETHER. IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT WG SHOULD BE FLEXIBLE ON DISTINCTION BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND READING WHICH WOULD NOT BE APPLICABLE FOR SOME AREAS OF WG WORK BUT UNDOUBTEDLY NECESSARY FOR OTHERS. CHAIRMAN SET JULY 17 AS DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION OF WORK ON ASSEMBLY AND COUNCIL POWERS AND FUNCTIONS.

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2. FOLLOWING ABOVE PROCEDURE, WG RESUMED CONSIDERA-

TION OF POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF ASSEMBLY AND MOVED RAPIDLY THROUGH FIRST NINE ITEMS: ELECTION OF COUNCIL, ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBSIDIARY ORGANS, DETERMINATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS, APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE, AND APPROVAL OF STAFF REGULATIONS, ADOPTION OF RULES OF PROCEDURE AND FOR BORROWING, APPROVAL OF AUTHORITY'S BUDGET, AND REPORTS.

3. A NUMBER OF ALTERNATIVE AND SUPPLEMENTARY TEXTS OR FORMULATIONS WERE PROPOSED ON THESE ITEMS BUT WERE NOT DISCUSSED IN DETAIL. THESE WILL ALL BE CONSIDERED AT DRAFTING GROUP SESSION JULY 13.

4. AMONG PRINCIPAL ISSUES TOUCHED ON WERE METHOD OF FORMING COUNCIL (ELECTION OR OTHERWISE), CRITERIA FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBSIDIARY ORGANS, WHICH ORGANS SHOULD APPROVE STAFF REGULATIONS AND ELECT SECRETARY GENERAL, RESPONSIBILITY REGARDING SUBMISSION OF REPORTS AND ROLE OF ASSEMBLY IN BUDGET PROCESS.

5. US REP ASKED FOR INCLUSION AMONG FUNCTIONS OF ARTICLE 74 (2) OF US DRAFT TREATY PROVIDING THAT AUTHORITY MAY BORROW FUNDS TO PAY ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES IN PERIOD BEFORE AUTHORITY HAS SUFFICIENT INCOME. USSR REP PROPOSED AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD LIMIT CONTRIBUTIONS OF CONTRACTING PARTIES TO "ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET" RATHER THAN FOR UNRESTRICTED USE AS PRESENT TEXT PROVIDES. US REP ASKED THAT POWER OF APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE, NOW LISTED AMONG POWERS OF ASSEMBLY, BE TRANSFERRED AS POWER OF COUNCIL. HE ALSO ASKED FOR INCLUSION OF PROVISION OF ARTICLE 35 (G) OF US SEABED TREATY REGARDING CHANGES IN ALLOCATION OF NET INCOME OF AUTHORITY, TO BE INCLUDED AMONG POWERS OF ASSEMBLY. USSR REP, WITH FRENCH SUPPORT, URGED DELETION OF PROVISION REFERRING TO RULES WITH RESPECT TO BORROWING BY AUTHORITY.
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